

R U Ready ... to create a church that is Real, Relevant, and Reformed?

As we move forward into a new year and new opportunities of faith and service, we are invigorated by the great work ahead. Your Oxford Presbyterian Church family not only wants to keep the momentum we've built up in 2018, we strive to rise above the challenge of our times by asking you a simple question: *"R U Ready to create a church that is Real, Relevant, and Reformed?"* Judging from the challenges met this year...U R!

Your dedication and generosity throughout the past year have truly moved us forward as we have been able to build a favorable foundation for growth in Christian ministry. With a completed Seminary Mission Center, a new youth director on board and an Associate pastor joining us in Advent, along with our continuing commitment to making a difference in our church and our community, we are perfectly positioned to creatively envelope new ideas, new ministries, new challenges and a refreshed Christ-centered focus. Our goal is to further define ourselves around the following three objectives:

Real - Oxford Presbyterian Church will continue to be grace-filled and faith-filled, wise and strategic, open hearted and open minded, certainly imperfect yet a truly genuine and loving Body of Christ.

Relevant - As the Body of Christ, we touch the lives of dozens upon dozens of families in the community through Vacation Bible School ... our congregation invests in quality, affordable housing for families in the Oxford community through Habitat for Humanity ... we will prayerfully prepare and send over 15,000 meals to refugees around the world through Rise Against Hunger ... we are deepening our commitment to lifelong faith formation through engaging Christian Education for all ages as we strive to follow Christ in the 21st century.

Reformed – While we follow Christ in the 21st century, we join with the Holy Spirit in building up the Kingdom of God here and now. When we meet Jesus face to face through those around us, we see who Jesus really is and what his mission always will be. Jesus' mission always brings change, always ushers in reform. We embrace this amazing grace that never ceases.

The Stewardship and Finance committee is charged with developing a 2019 budget that will provide the necessary support for continuing the momentum towards a relevant and community-based church. Your generosity in 2018 resulted in a current pledge budget of \$327,000. As we move forward into 2019 as a living, growing church, we are sure you will be willing and able to meet our increasing needs, as we hope to increase pledge income by \$40,000, or 12%.

Contributing to such an exciting mission, to both maintain what we've accomplished and continue to move forward, is easier than ever. You can now pledge not only by check, through the mail or in church, but electronically and even by text.

As we approach the stewardship campaign which will begin on October 14, please consider the challenges we've met in the past, as well as the important work we still have ahead as you reflect on what the ministry of Oxford Presbyterian Church means in your life. Join us as together we respond with courage and creativity to build the church of living Christ that is real, relevant and reformed.